GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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STARRED QUESTION NO:84
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ILLEGAL COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal mining operations are being carried out in various coal fields in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the value of the illegally extracted coal during the last three years;

(d) the details of number of such cases detected during the last three years, State-wise and company-wise;

(e) the action taken by the Government against the people found guilty; and

(f) the impact of this action on illegal mining?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS MENTIONED IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 84 FOR ANSWER ON 21.11.2007 ASKED BY SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD & SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV REGARDING ILLEGAL COAL MINING.

(a) to (d): Due to the nature of illegal mining carried out at different places in the country, it is not possible to specify the exact quantum and value of the coal so mined.

However, following the raids conducted by the security personnel of the concerned coal companies and joint raids with law and order authorities of the concerned State Governments, the details of quantity of coal recovered and value thereof (approximate) during the last three years are as under:

Company	State	2004-05 Qty. recovered (Appr-ox)(te)	2004-05 App.Value (Rs.Lakh)	2005-06 Qty. recove red (Appr-ox)(te)	2005-06 App. Value (Rs. Lakh)	2006-07 Qty. recov ered (Appr-ox)(te)	2006-07 App. Value (Rs. Lakh)
Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL)	West Bengal/ Jharkhand	1331.97 0.00	10.640 0.000	2458.00 23.00	24.084 0.230	2389.00 1139	23.890 11.39
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)	Jharkhand /West Bengal	22.50 98.00	0.391 1.571	637.31 2.00	10.392 0.02	63.00 0.00	0.969 0.000
Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL)	Jharkhand	428.00	4.860	532.50	5.655	404.00	4.040
Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL)	U.P./Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000

Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL)	Maharastra/ Madhya Pradesh	0.00 144.00	0.000 1.440	0.00 26.50	0.000 0.275	0.00 38.50	0.000 0.405
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL)	Madhya Pradesh/ Chattisgarh	815.00 140.65	8.150 1.410	33.00 9.50	0.380 0.095	481.31 60.00	6.312 0.840
Mahanadi Coalfieds Ltd. (MCL)	Orissa	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
North Eastern Coalfields (NEC)	Assam	600.00	7.200	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
Total		3580.12	35.662	3721.81	41.131	4574.81	47.846

(e) & (f): FIRs are lodged by the units/Areas/Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) officials of the coal companies whenever cases of illegal mining of coal are detected. After lodging of FIRs, prosecution cases are launched and contested by the State Governments/Police.

In addition, the following measures are taken to address the issue of illegal mining:

i) At the initiative of Government of India, Joint Action Committee involving State Governments and coal companies are formed to take effective steps for prevention of illegal mining. Task Force at State & District levels are formed in problem areas which review the action on regular basis.

ii) Further, coal companies also undertake preventive measures such as filling up of rate holes, digging trenches, erection of concrete walls, fencing with barbed wire, dumping of overburden, deployment of security and intensive patrolling of the areas etc.

iii) A committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Minister of State for Coal to address the problem of illegal mining of coal.